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REASONS *Humbly Offer'd by the* Hambrough *Merchants, and other Traders and Dealers in the* Woollen Manufacture *of* Great Britain, *againſt the Intended Duties on ſeveral Sorts of* German Linnen.

THAT in the Trade between this Kingdom and *Hambrough*, *Sileſia*, and other Parts of *Germany*, till of late Years, that ſeveral High Duties were Laid on *Linnen*, and other Goods Imported from thoſe Parts, there were Annually Exported thither of our *Woollen Manufactures*, to the Amount of Five Hundred Thouſand Pounds, or upwards: But ſince thoſe High Duties (which are near 30 *l. per Cent.* on the Real Prime Coſt) were Laid, the Export of our *Woollen Goods* has been Leſſened at leaſt One Half.

By the Bill for Raiſing Money by way of *Lottery*, a Duty of 2 *d. per* Yard is Intended to be Laid on all *Printed Linnens*, without any regard to the Breadth; and great Quantities of Coarſe *Lawns*, not three Quarters of a Yard wide, having been uſually Imported from thoſe Parts, to be Printed here for ordinary *Handkerchiefs*, and fit for no other Uſe, no more of thoſe *Lawns* will be Printed here, or brought over, if this Duty, which amounts to 25 *l. per Cent.* be not Leſſened in proportion to the difference between the Breadth of theſe *Lawns*, and other *Printed Linnens* which are generally Yard-wide, or upwards.

And by the ſame Bill, a Duty of 15 *l. per Cent.* being Propoſed to be Laid upon all *Checquer'd*, *Strip'd*, *Painted*, *Stain'd* and *Dy'd Linnens* Imported from thoſe Parts, and other Places, (whereby the whole Duties would be about 45 *l. per Cent.*) it will amount to a Prohibition of the following Goods, uſually brought from *Germany*: *Viz.*

All *Buckrams* uſed by *Packers* for *Tillots*, for our *Woollen Manufactures* Exported.
All *Strip'd* and *Colour'd Barras*, uſed alſo by *Packers*, and for *Sacking Bottoms* for *Beds*: And,
All *Checquer'd Linnens* for *Seamens Shirts*, *Barbers Aprons*, &c.

Great Quantities of the aforeſaid Goods having been Yearly Imported in Return for our *Woollen Manufacture*, the Exportation of that *Manufacture* will, for the future, proportionably Decreaſe.

The *Woollen Manufacture* has already felt the Miſchievous Effects of the former High Duties on *German Linnen*, which have occaſioned the Setting up of the *Woollen Manufacture* in divers Parts of *Germany*; *viz.* in *Saxony*, at *Meiſſer*, *Gorlitz*, *Oſchatz*, *Lauban*, *Zittau*, and *Great Hahn*: In *Sileſia*, at *Greffembergh*, *Breſlaw*, and *Great Glogau*, and in many other Places, where their Fields of *Flax* have been turned into Paſture for Sheep.

And in Caſe the now Intended Duties ſhall be added to the former, it is greatly to be feared, ſeveral *German* Princes may be induc'd to Lay farther Duties on the Importation of our *Woollen Manufactures* into their Territories: And the Conſequence thereof unavoidably will be the Increaſe of the *Woollen Manufactury* there, and the Decreaſe of it here, without making any, or but very little, Addition to the Fund, of which this Duty is deſigned to be Part.

And therefore 'tis humbly hoped, That the Intended Duty on the Printing *of ſuch* Narrow Lawns, *ſhall be made Proportionable to the Duty on* Broader Linnens: *And that the ſaid* Buckrams, Barras, *and* Checquer'd Linnen, *call'd* Barbers Aprons, *Imported from* Germany, *may be Exempted from the ſaid Duty of* 15 l. per Cent.

THE
Hambrough Merchants
REASONS
Againſt Part of the Duties in the *Lottery-Bill.*

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